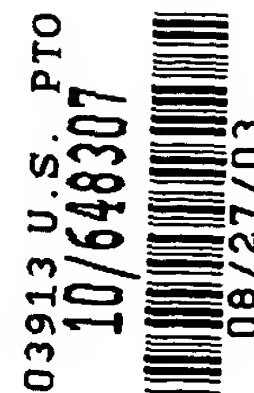


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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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for: **Porous Metal Structure Body and Method for Manufacturing the Same**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 6 claims (pages 18).
2. 5 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-4.
3. Application Data Sheet
4. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-251622 filed in Japan on August 29, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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